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NORTHERN GROWN SEED POTATO CAMPAIGN

The result of potato demonstrations in Massachusetts in 1919 showed that northern grown seed potatoes yielded at the rate of 79 bushels per acre more than local grown seed. With this as a basis a campaign was put on in 1920 through the county agents to induce farmers to use northern grown seed. How well this campaign succeeded is shown in the following summary of statements by thirty-six seed potato dealers in the State:

In 1919 thirty-six dealers in seed potatoes sold 40,448 bushels. In 1920 they sold 85,511 bushels, an increase of 45,063 bushels or about 112 per cent. The thirty-six dealers sold enough seed to plant about 5,700 acres out of 33,000 acres in the State. The increased acreage planted to northern grown seed in 1920 over 1919 amounted to 3,000 acres. The increased yield on 3,000 acres due to the use of northern grown seed amounts to 257,000 bushels, and this valued at \$1.50 per bushel, would amount to \$355,500.

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